PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Examiner: Not Yet Assigned Motoharu Seiki Group Art Unit: N/Y/A Application No.: 09/806,232 Filed: March 28, 2001 DNAS ENCODING NOVEL For: May 10, 2001 POLYPEPTIDES

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C.

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed March 28, 2001 and prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 39, line 5 and ending at line 8 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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> In human, the expression of MT5-MMP was strong in the brain, and its expression was observed in the kidney and The results of examination of its site-specific pancreas.